

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPEAKER HASTERT

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 1999

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

MARCH 14, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER HASTERT: With praise and thanks to Almighty God we wish to congratulate you on your elevation to Speaker of the House of Representatives. As priests in the Diocese of Rockford and currently stationed at Holy Angels Catholic Parish in Aurora, Illinois, it is with great joy that one so close to us has been appointed to such a position of responsibility. We know you will fulfill your duties with dignity and grace.

Mr. Philip Kaim is now studying for the priesthood for our diocese. He is particularly proud of your achievement. We are praying for him as we are sure you are, as well.

With every good wish in the Lord Jesus we remain,

Rev. GERALD KOBBERMAN.
Rev. DANIEL DEUTSCH.
Rev. BRIAN GEARY.

HONORING JOAN AND STANFORD ALEXANDER—DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD 1999 RECIPIENTS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 1999

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joan and Stanford Alexander for their outstanding contributions to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in both Houston and nationally.

An underlying principle of AIPAC is that dedicated individuals can make a difference in Israel's future by strengthening relations between America and Israel. The Alexanders' work on behalf of this goal is nothing short of exceptional. The Melvin A. Dow Distinguished Leadership Award was established in 1998 to honor those individuals who have had a powerful impact on the Houston pro-Israel community. On March 29, 1999 AIPAC presents the Melvin A. Dow Distinguished Leadership Award to Joan and Stanford Alexander.

The Alexanders embody leadership and altruism that is inspiring. Joan and Stanford have been highly involved with AIPAC for many years, both on local and national levels. Joan served as South Texas State co-Chair, promoting grassroots awareness of the organi-

zation, and both are instrumental in the growth of its membership base. They also have participated in the National Council and currently serve on the National Executive Committee, where they work with top AIPAC leadership from across the country in establishing AIPAC national policy and objectives. Additionally, they have played a major role in the University of Houston Jewish Studies Program, the Houston Food Bank, S.E.A.R.C.H. House of Tiny Treasures and Dress for Success. Through their efforts of lobbying and educating key elected officials, the Alexanders have developed outstanding personal relationships with members of Congress, the Administration, and State officials as well.

The Alexanders have been involved in AIPAC for over two decades. They have recognized that Israel's security could not be guaranteed by philanthropy alone and the involvement of the United States Congress would be vital to maintaining Israel's economic prosperity and national security in the Middle East. Whether hosting Senators in their home to discuss policy issues or traveling to Washington, DC, to lobby a Congressman, the Alexanders are activists who have turned their passion for the State of Israel into action on behalf of a strong alliance between the two countries in whose ideals and foundations they so strongly believe.

It is a great tribute to Joan and Stanford Alexander that AIPAC is bestowing them with the 1999 Melvin A. Dow Distinguished Leadership Award. Their achievements are an inspiration to the numerous leaders who work tirelessly to strengthen our community and our relations with the state of Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Joan and Stanford Alexander on receiving the Melvin A. Dow Distinguished Leadership Award. Their service to our country and Houston will not be forgotten.

MATHEW SILVINO ROMAN ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding young man, Mathew Silvino Roman, who has distinguished himself by achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He will be recognized for this honor in May.

I am proud to join the chorus of Mathew's family and friends in congratulating him on attaining this high honor. The Boy Scouts really do teach lessons in life and build a foundation for responsible citizenship. This achievement gives young men a solid start on college and adulthood.

Mathew has a sense of adventure, perhaps the most telling legacy of the Boy Scouts in

America. His activities show him to be a leader and a young man who knows what is important in life. He has even added the "Ad Altari Dei" Medal to his vast collection; it is the Catholic Church's religion medal in scouting.

Mathew is a young scientist, with a flare for musical talent. He has consistently made outstanding grades throughout his school years, including his current advanced classes.

This is a young man dedicated to the finest tradition of citizenship, faith, service, scholarship, and talent. Please join me in commending this new Eagle Scout.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 1999

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris, New Jersey, as they commemorate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of their community.

Florham Park was founded on March 20, 1899, but history of this community began in 1708. In that year, John Campfield of Newark and John Hopping of Elizabethtown and his family settled here. This growing settlement was a legal part of larger township; first Whippany then Hanover Township in 1718, then Chatham Township, until it was founded 100 years ago as the Borough of Florham Park.

After the Revolutionary War, the settlement grew into a prosperous farming community. High quality brooms from broomcorn became the trademark of the community. These brooms could be found on doorsteps in Newark, New York City, and Trenton. The community became better known as Broomtown in the end of the 18th century.

In the later part of the 19th century the southeastern part of Morris became an attractive vacation resort. Hamilton McKeon Twombly and his wife Florence Vanderbilt and Dr. Leslie D. Ward built their large estates in this community and opened part of them to the public. Not favoring high taxes, these two men petitioned to create their own town that was made a legal entity on March 20, 1899.

The new borough began with a population of 800 with 170 legal voters. The community had only an active volunteer Fire Department and truck house, the Little Red School House, Calvary Chapel, a Post Office and St. Elizabeth's Academy.

In Florham Park's first 100 years it has blossomed into a well-rounded suburban town. The community now consists of a municipal

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